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Letter dated 23 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to an article which appeared in the New York Times on 3 September 1998 containing a statement by United States Secretary of Defence William S. Cohen, on the information available to the United States about the El-Shifa factory in the Sudan at the time when it was destroyed in an attack by the United States on 20 August 1998. His statement reads as follows:

> "When the United States launched cruise missiles against a factory in the Sudan on 20 August 1998, it was unaware that the plant made medicines."

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly under agenda item 155.

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